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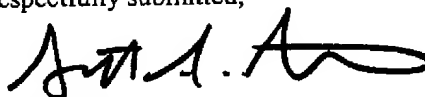
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This paper is submitted in reply to the Notice of Allowance dated July 23, 2004. In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner did not separately address the patentability of each independent claim, but instead issued a single blanket statement on patentability that addressed multiple features that were taken from different independent claims. While Applicants thank the Examiner for the favorable consideration of the claims, Applicants wish to note for the record that the various allowed independent claims do not each include all of the limitations noted in the Examiner's Statement, and as such, should not be read to require all of these limitations.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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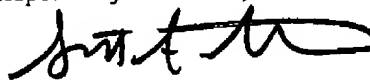
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This paper is for the purpose of requesting that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 19, 2003 and April 23, 2004 (the receipt of which by the United States Patent and Trademark Office has been acknowledged, as evident from copies of the return postcards attached hereto (2 pages)). Applicants have enclosed herewith clean copies of the PTO/SB/08A Forms (2 pages and 1 page, respectively) that were submitted with the aforementioned Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements, and respectfully request that the Examiner review the cited references and return initialed copies of the PTO/SB/08A Forms to Applicants prior to issuance of the application.

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